

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the April 05, 2006 Office Action (hereinafter “OA”), Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,804,497 to Kerth (hereinafter “Kerth”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,674,812 to Stevenson (hereinafter “Stevenson”). Claims 2 and 4-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kerth in view of Stevenson, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,357,544 to Horner (hereinafter “Horner”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,357,544 to Baltus (hereinafter “Baltus”). Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0105378 to Tapi (hereinafter “Tapi”) in view of Stevenson. Claim 8 stands rejected as allegedly unpatentable over Kerth in view of Stevenson and Baltus. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the comments below.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-7 and 9-10, without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these Claims in other filings. Further, Applicant incorporates all of the arguments made in the Response to Office Action submitted January 17, 2006. However, the Office will note that the arguments as incorporated are moot due to the cancellations of Claims 1-7 and 9-10, and are included to preserve any rights in the canceled Claims.

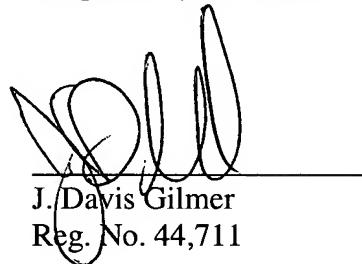
Claim 8 has been rewritten in a fashion that incorporates that features of Claim 9, which was objected to by the Office. Applicant believes that these actions shall put the application in a state that is ready for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 408-608-9054.

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